CORRECTION – AVAILABLE FUNDING FOR EARLY HEAD START

A notification of available funding by the Head Start Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to provide Early Head Start services to pregnant women, infants and toddlers, ages 0 to 3, and their families listed an incorrect service area.

The service area (#EHS-TX-173) includes the entire counties of Erath, Palo Pinto, Johnson and Parker Counties; and the cities of Granbury, Lipan, Thorspring, Acton and Tolar in Hood County. Applications to serve this service area are due by April 11, 2003. For more information on the Early Head Start program, contact the Early Head Start Operations Center at 1-800-458-7699 or ehs@pal-tech.com.

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration

for Children and Families (ACF)

ACTION: Announcement of availability of funds and request for applications

to sponsor an Early Head Start program in Erath, Palo Pinto,

Johnson, Parker, and Hood Counties, TX.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families solicits applications

from local public or private non-profit or local for-profit

organizations that wish to compete for funds which are available to provide Early Head Start services in the following service area

within Erath, Palo Pinto, Johnson, Parker, and Hood Counties, TX: the entire counties of Erath, Palo Pinto, Johnson, and

Parker Counties; and the Cities of Granbury, Lipan,

Thorspring, Acton and Tolar in Hood County (Service Area # EHS-TX-173). Faith-based organizations are eligible to apply.

The Head Start Act authorizes the Secretary to designate as an Early Head Start agency any local public or private nonprofit or local for-profit agency within a community. In the remainder of this document the term "Early Head Start program" means an Early Head Start program which serves pregnant women and

children from birth to age 3.

The funds available in this competition will be awarded to applicants who compete for select service areas that are open for competition. The select service areas that are open for competition are communities that received Early Head Start grants for five year project periods. Upon completion of the five year project period, the funds are recompeted in the service areas where Early Head Start services are currently being provided. These are the only service areas open for competition in this Announcement.

The intent of this announcement is to provide for the continuation of services in the service area defined above within **Erath**, **Palo Pinto**, **Johnson**, **Parker**, **and Hood Counties**, **TX**.

Funds in the amount of approximately \$1,838,308 annually will be available to provide Early Head Start program services to eligible children and their families.

The current grantee is funded to operate an Early Head Start program until **August 31, 2003** in the above service area. Head Start regulations allow for a variety of program options and designs. Applicants should propose a design or designs that best address the needs of the proposed service area. Applicants have flexibility in determining the appropriate number of children to be served by the various program options (center-based, home-based, or combination) and program designs (hours per day, days per week, weeks per year.)

CLOSING DATE:

The closing date for receipt of applications under this announcement is **April 11, 2003** at 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST)

APPLICATION RECEIPT POINT:

Early Head Start Operations Center 1000 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1000 Arlington, VA 22209

Envelopes should be clearly marked 'Early Head Start Select Service Area Recompetition."

Hand delivered applications are accepted at the above address during the normal working hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST Monday through Friday, on or before the closing date and time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

A copy of the Program Announcement for your service area (Service Area # EHS-TX-173), necessary application forms, and other appendices can be obtained by contacting:

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Any questions related to this announcement should be directed to the Early Head Start Operations Center.